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SUBJECT: UN PROGRAM BUDGET:BIG FIVE DEMARCHES TO SYG WALDHEIM

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1. RE PARA 1 REFTTEL, ON SEPTEMBER 2 WE OBTAINED DEBRIEFING ON RECENT DEMARCHE BY AMB ABE FROM JAPANESE MISOFF AKASHI. IN 50 MINUTE MEETING WITH SYG (PLUS USYG DAVIDSON) AMB ABE MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN JAPANESE AIDE MEMOIRE AND WALDHEIM COMMENTED, HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH FOLLOW.

2. SYG SHARED CONCERN EXPRESSED BY ABE OF GROWTH IN UN BUDGET AND SAID HE WAS "DOING HIS BEST" TO APPLY RESTRAINT. HOWEVER, SYG CAN EXERCISE ONLY MINIMAL INFLUENCE SINCE HE FREQUENTLY IS FACED WITH A FAIT

ACCOMPLI; I.E.,
ACTIONS ARE TAKEN BY VARIOUS UN BODIES CALLING FOR INCREASED FUNDS WHICH SYG SIMPLY REFLECTS IN HIS PROGRAM BUDGET PROPOSALS. SYG CITED RECENT DECISION OF UNCTAD IV IN NAIROBI AS CASE IN POINT WHERE MEMBERS, "EVEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES," AGREED TO EXPAND UNCTAD WORK PROGRAM WHICH WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. WHILE SYG APPEARED TO BE AWARE OF
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UN BUDGET PROBLEM, AKASHI CONCLUDED THAT LACK OF DETERMINATION

BY WALDHEIM TO MAKE CONCERTED EFFORT TO HOLDDOWN BUDGET WAS
"CLEARLY APPARENT."

3. ON QUESTION OF "DUPLICATION AND OVERLAPPING" AND "LEADERSHIP
ROLE" BY SYG IN ACC, WALDHEIM TOOK POSITION THAT HE HAS
LITTLE POWER AS HEAD OF ACC SINCE VARIOUS UN PROGRAMS, AGENCIES
ACT INDEPENDENTLY. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE IS NOT MUCH THAT
SYG CAN DO TO CHECK PROLIFERATION, AVOID REDUN-
DANCIES, ETC.

4. ON PERSONNEL MATTERS, WALDHEIM LISTENED ATTENTIVELY,
EXPRESSING ONLY REGRETS THAT GOJ WAS UNDER-REPRESENTED
IN UN SECRETARIAT; THIS SITUATION WAS DUE, WALDHEIM CON-
CLUDED, TO GOJ NOT PRESENTING TO UN ITS BEST CANDIDATES.
APPARENTLY DISSADISFIED WITH RESULTS OF DISCUSSION
WITH SYG, IN AFTERNOON AMB. ABE MET WITH DAVIDSON TO
CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON PERSONNEL QUESTIONS.

5. AKASHI'S OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF GOJ DEMARCHE WAS
THAT TAKEN SEPARATELY IT ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE OTHER THAN
TO SENSITIZE SYG TO CONCERN OF ONE OF THE UN MAJOR
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS. HOWEVER, AKASHI BELIEVES THAT
ONCE OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS MAKE SIMILAR DEMARCHES IM-
PACT ON SYG COULD BE SIGNIFICANT.
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